VZCZCXRO4129 PP RUEHROV
DE RUEHMK #0456/01 2161003
ZNY CCCCC ZEH
P 041003Z AUG 09
FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA
TO RUBHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8842
INFO RUBHXK/ARAB ISRAELI COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RHBVAKS/COMUSNAVCENT PRIORITY
RHMFISS/HQ USCENTCOM MACDILL AFB FL PRIORITY
RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC PRIORITY
RHEHAAA/WHITE HOUSE WASHDC PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 MANAMA 000456

SIPDIS

DEPARTMENT FOR NEA AND SPECIAL ENVOY MITCHELL

E.O. 12958: DECL: 08/04/2019

TAGS: <u>PREL PGOV KPAL IS IZ IR BA</u>
SUBJECT: BAHRAINI CROWN PRINCE'S JULY 28 MEETING WITH
CENTCOM COMMANDER PETRAEUS, SPECIAL ENVOY MITCHELL, AND NEA ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FELTMAN REF: MANAMA 435 Classified By: Ambassador Adam F 1.(U) Participants: U.S: CENTCOM Commanding General David Petraeus Special Envoy for Middle East Peace George Mitchell NEA Acting Assistant Sec 2.(C) Summary: On July 28, Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa met with CENTCOM CG David Petraeus, Special Envoy for Middle East Peace Gec 3.(C) The Crown Prince reiterated Bahraini concerns about the threat posed by Iran. He assessed that the power base of the Iranian leadership h 4.(C) Turning to Iraq, General Petraeus cited the importance of sustained visits by Arab leaders to Iraq and asked if the Crown Prince had any 5.(C) Acting Assistant Secretary Feltman briefed the Crown Prince on ongoing efforts to resolve outstanding issues between Iraq and Kuwait. The 6.(C) Special Envoy for Middle East Peace George Mitchell offered a read-out of his recent conversations with Syrian President Bashar Al Asad. 7.(C) Turning to the peace process, AA/S Feltman told the Crown Prince that Washington was impressed with his recent editorial in the Washington 8.(C) He also pointed out that the problem of Iran cannot be solved without settling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. For all these reasons, S

9.(C) The Crown Prince took exception to an article in the Israeli press by former Ambassador to the U.S. Zalman Shoval, who derided his op-ed